



# Princeton University

October 10, 2001

- **Full-Envelope Flight Control Using an Adaptive Critic Neural Neural Network, Silvia Ferrari**
- **Optimal Nonlinear Neural Network Controllers for Aircraft, Aircraft, Niles Kulkarni**
- **Coordinated Flight of Uninhabited Air Vehicles, Olivier Laplace**
- **Air Transportation After September 11<sup>th</sup>, Robert Stengel**

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**Terrorist Mass Murder: New 'Weapon of Choice'.**  
Grotesque transformation of airliners into **weapons of mass destruction** **destruction** stirs profound reassessment of U.S. strategy and national security

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# A Critical Assault on Liberty, Justice, Peace, and Freedom of the Skies

**Sixteen of the 19 bombers  
bombers were here on  
legal visas**



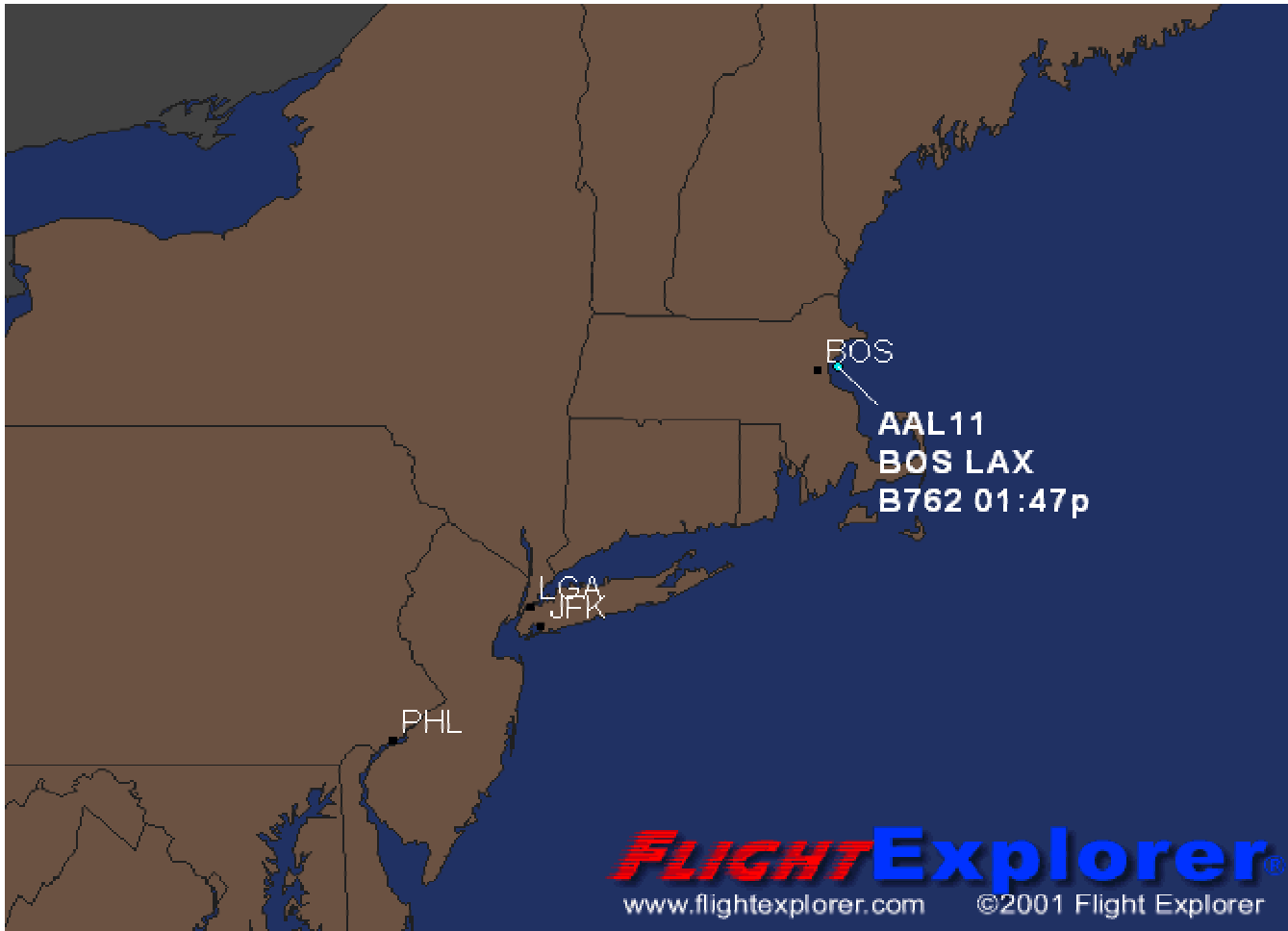
**Three Are Held  
in Detroit  
After Airport  
Diagram Is  
Found**

**Pilot Held in London Was  
Hijacking Suspects' Lead Trainer,  
Trainer, Prosecutor Says**

- The notion of a fair and peaceful Global Village depends on the good will of all all of its citizens
- The terrorists took advantage advantage of our open society society to cause it great harm harm
- The instruments of terror were almost entirely of American origin
- Efforts to preserve justice and and peace may restrict liberty liberty and freedom
- DoT Rapid Response Team reports:  
<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/airportsec.htm>  
<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/aircraftsec.htm>



# American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, September 11, 2001

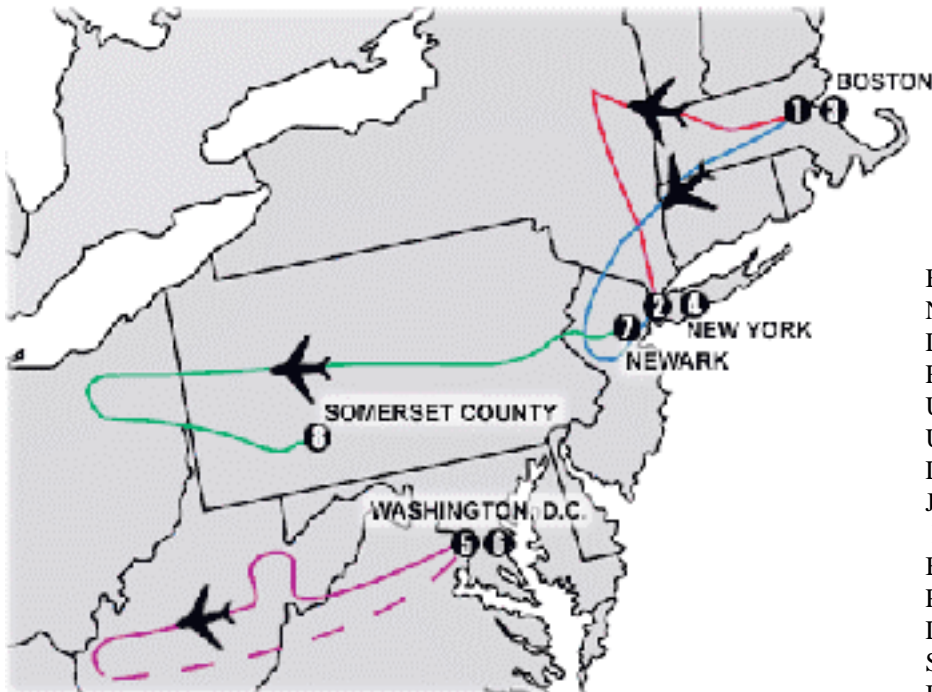




# Was the Global Positioning System (GPS) an Enabling Technology for the Attacks?



## FLIGHTS OF DESTRUCTION



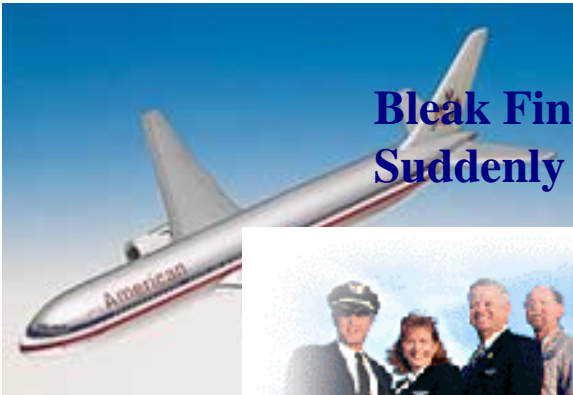
Battery Life	8-24 hr
Number of User Waypoints	500
Display Size	2.2 x 1.5
Receiver**	12 channel
Unit Size	2.32 x 5 x 1.62
Unit Weight	9 oz
Database Options	Americas, Pacific Intl, Atlantic Intl.
Jeppesen Database***	Full, plus ARTCC and FSS frequencies
Moving Map	YES
Basemap	20 MI
Pixels	100 x 160
Display Type	High-Contrast FTN 4 level gray
Standard Accessories	Dash mnt, batteries
Built-in H.S.I.	YES
IFR or VFR	VFR
MSRP****	\$549 (street: \$475)





## What is the Outlook for Commercial Airlines?

### Bleak Financial Outlook Suddenly Appears Bleaker



\*As of Sept. 17, 2001

Source: The George Washington University Aviation Institute

- Schedule reductions of ~20%
- Airline load factors average less than 50%; downsizing of aircraft in each market likely
- 7,000 commercial aircraft; airlines may park up to 900: B-727s, DC-10s, 10s, B-737s, MD-11s, DC-9s, MD-80s 80s
- Airlines are likely to suffer their largest ever losses over the next few months; layoffs of 90,000, fare sales
- Air Transportation Safety and Stabilization Act: \$5B cash, \$10B loan guarantees, *de facto* regulation
- High carrying costs, low margins, need for high cash flow
- Consolidation and bankruptcy; survival of the fittest



## What is the Likely Market for Advanced Jet Transports?



- **Boeing cuts delivery estimates by 100 aircraft in next 15 months, prepares for layoffs of up to 30,000 people, proceeds with Sonic Cruiser; backlog of 980 aircraft (through 2002); diversification strategy projects smaller percentage of earnings from commercial aircraft**
- **With engine manufacturers and suppliers, 100,000 layoffs likely**
- **Airbus does not cut back, proceeds with A380, forecasts 15% earnings growth; backlog of 1,714 aircraft**



# Air Traffic Control and the National Airspace System



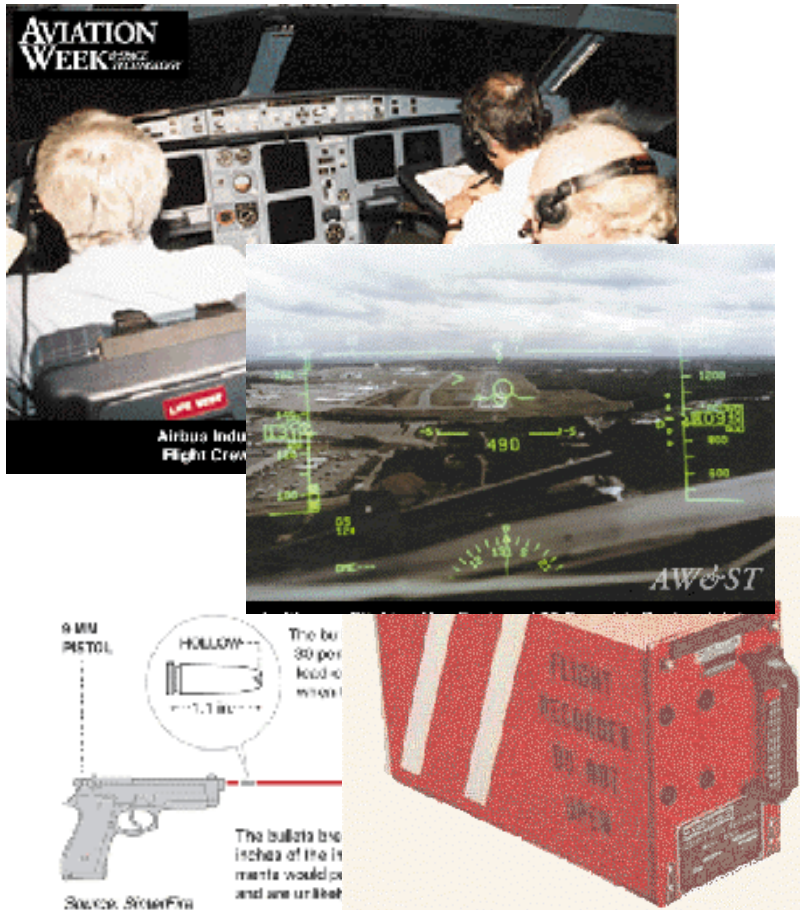
**The FAA reopened the National Airspace System (NAS) to commercial and private aviation Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. EDT**

- Reprieve for NAS growth rate? rate?
- Air Traffic Control alerts
- Enhanced telemetry (e.g., IFF, Mode S)
- Allowable flight paths and “no-“no-fly” zones; is Reagan National Airport a problem?
- Reliance on GPS
  - WAAS, LAAS
  - Selective Availability, level of signal signal degradation
  - Deprivation of service in national emergency (e.g., jamming, outage)
- GLONASS/GNSS
- New life for conventional navaids





# Aircraft Systems, Flight Deck Procedures, and the Department of Dirty Tricks



- In-flight alternatives should be be the last line of defense
- CVRs, DFDRs, circuit breakers breakers
- Tight ACARS loop to every commercial aircraft
- Defensive maneuvers, cabin pressurization, armed crew, crew ID interlocks on controls
- New equipment and retrofit to old aircraft: reliability, expense, probability of need
- Anti-terrorist autopilots?
- Methods of degrading aircraft guidance, navigation, and control can be considered



# General Aviation: Part of the Solution or Part of the Problem?



- Business aircraft, fractional shares, charter flights
- FBOs, flying schools, traffic reporters, banner tows, crop crop dusters
- Private aircraft/amateur pilots
- Security at 4,500 public use airports; mingling at larger airports
- IFR vs. VFR
- “Keep-out” radii around major airports and facilities
- Background checks required required for pilot training and license



## Research Areas for the FAA and NASA



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### ■ FAA

- Prevention of incidents at or before the gate
- Enhanced communications of aircraft intent
- Quick ATC response to terrorist incidents
- Navigation system alternatives to unfettered GPS

### ■ NASA

- Aircraft design and operational issues
- Degraded/directed performance alterations to aircraft GNC
- Human factors of crew response to terrorist attack
- Development of crew training regimen